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New sexual assault education and prevention programming at AQ

By Rachelle Murphy Opinon Editor

Zoe Gipson will serve as Campus Safety New Program Coordinator, working to bring new sexual assault education and prevention programming to Aquinas this semester.

Last November, Aquinas was awarded $44,877 by The Campus Sexual Assault Grant Program, a state-led initiative that provided funding for sexual assault prevention programming at Michigan colleges and universities. Aquinas was one of 22 Michigan universities to be awarded through the program.

Aquinas’ new program is called “bystander education,” which is a short 10-minute presentation that can be tailored for a variety of student needs.

Most of the content in the presentation revolves around bystander intervention, and it emphasizes that people can play a role in preventing sexual assault, no matter what their personal history or how well they know the parties involved.

As a fresh face on campus, even if you don’t know anyone involved in the prevention program, you can benefit from the material that is presented.

It is also important to note that Aquinas’ tuition costs fall in the middle when compared to other private colleges: Calvin, Almira, and Albion colleges have higher tuition costs than Aquinas. For those four, Almira College tuition costs are the highest at $30,181 annually.

Aquinas College seeks to provide students with a high quality educational opportunities at affordable rates. “We want you to be confident knowing your financial contribution toward your education represents a solid investment,” wrote Olivarez.

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Fee $394

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**Politics 101:** A cheat sheet to the 2016 Presidential Election

By Anna Murphy

Recently, prior to the 2016 presidential election, there was a shortage of information about candidates. As the fight to win this upcoming presidential election approaches, here is a cheat sheet for you about who might be the next US president.

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- He is a second-generation Cuban American.
- He wants to add a child tax credit of $500 a child.
- He supports public and higher education.
- He would like to see states with Confederate battle flags removed.
- He supports public choice and opposition to tax increases.

Hillary Clinton

- She is a former Secretary of the State, and former First Lady.
- She has strong support from far-left Democrats who are pro-life.
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Falling through the cracks: The Flint Water Crisis

By Meriah Conwert
Operation Intern

While fellow Michigan residents and groups have come together to aid in the Flint Water Crisis, there are still families who are falling through the cracks and unable to receive the clean water they need. Residents were being billed for their toxic tap water, and now the FBI will be following the EPA in their investigation. According to ABC News, the "state emergency response officials say about 176,000 cases of water, 93,000 are 29,000 water bottle orders have been distributed to residents since January 6th and that, "there's room for whatever else comes in, according to Michigan State Police Lt. Dave Kaiser: The state has a 150,000 square warehouse and additional buildings to stock supplies. While we're coming together for the good of Flint, undocumented immigrants and their families are using non potable water due to lack of state identification and the fear of deportation increasing their health risks with the use of contaminated water.

Regardless of being a documented citizen, everyone deserves their basic needs to be met which includes access to clean drinking water. It's hard enough that families have had to bathe their children in toxic liquid and use lead filled water to wash their clothes, creating their bodies with a fabric barrier of lead. While some have been able to receive water filters and care, according to Vice, "most of Flint's undocumented immigrants—there are at least 3,000, based on estimates from local advocates—have avoided the distribution centers altogether, where they fear they'll be asked in undocumented.

Not only are a good number of Flint community members and children unable to receive water, but payment for toxic water dating all the way back to April 2014 is going to patch up some of the damage done to the city. The Snyder administration estimates that for water, drinking, bathing and cooking consisted about 67 percent of the Flint water bills in question" and the "$8 million in new state funding would cover 65 percent of those water costs but would not help cover sewer payments."
The process of gaining approval for that amount of money takes time, but the Senate agreed that the citizens deserved a fast turnaround to be reimbursed for their water payments as it otherwise might have taken until June to be approved. According to the Huffington Post, the FBI will be investigating the legality of the Flint Water Crisis along with U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the EPA's Office of Inspector General, and the EPA's Civil Investigation Division. The EPA's Office of Inspector General and the EPA's Civil Investigation Division must we can do as citizens and college students is to continue to support the recovery of Flint residents be heard and share their input, donate money or money to the American Red Cross and other reliable organizations, and keep updated on what's happening to these only a few hours away from our home.

Professor Spotlight: Sara Haviland

Sara Haviland: The Reading and Study Skills Specialist and one of the Program Advisors for Student Support Services contributes a lot of time and energy to the community.

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Thieving Denmark

It is not often that I think of writing to a letter of the student to the editor. As a student and a community opinion professional, I believe that the university of the press and the educational opportunity is for everyone. What I also wanted to take this opportunity to reflect with the student leaders that we have here at Aquinas College.

In the last edition of The Saint, the editorial staff led with the story, "Aquinas Students Lead." This article highlighted all 40 students that took part in the leadership in the Student Senate. It shared highlights of the participants and spoke out on taking part in giving up a Saturday to reflect upon servant leadership.

In the day to day things that keep students busy, a vote of your student Senate may have gone largely unnoticed, however, it is important to know that we have. On Wednesday, our Student Senate passed a resolution to increase stipends that the senators will be able to receive.

That is correct, an elected body. And, as always, there is more for the community could be done by taking away stepped money and dedicating that money. But more than the ESO (Registered Student Orga- nization) funds, our students will need to support our community. They frame it as a Mus- lin Invasion of Christianity, and this bill as merely a way to destroy our culture. But if there is no other way to escape the social consciousness and awareness of the Danish Senate, perhaps this is the time we proactively collaborate to renew the appreciation for the work of refugees towards their advantage. They may want to portray the Syrians as a ruthless and backward civilization, since they are not in the European Union, they can't fix the issue of refugees towards their advantage. They frame us as a Mus- lin Invasion of Christianity, and this bill as merely a way to destroy our culture.

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This is definitely an album worth over $10 of your student discount for.

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Dear future wife...

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To my future wife, I'm not sure if you've ever told me, but I know that I've had you on my mind for quite a while now. I've been thinking about you and how much I want you to be a part of my life. I still can't believe that you will be mine one day.

To my future wife, you should know that I'm going to do whatever it takes to make sure that you know how much I love you. I want to make sure that you feel special and important to me, and I promise that I will always be there for you.

To my future wife, I'm going to treat you like the princess that you are. I want to show you how much I care about you and how much you mean to me. I will always be on your side, and I will always support you.

To my future wife, I want you to know that I'm going to make sure that we have a happy and healthy life together. I promise that I will do everything in my power to make sure that we have a successful and fulfilling life together.

To my future wife, I love you more than words can ever express. I want you to know that I am truly committed to you and I will always be by your side.

To my future wife, I'm going to make sure that you are always happy and that you feel loved and appreciated. I promise that I will always be there for you, no matter what.

To my future wife, I'm going to make sure that we have a future together. I promise that I will do everything in my power to make sure that we have a successful and fulfilling life together.

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